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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 10, 2000

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A process for preparing a multivesicular lipid particle formulation, the process comprising:
- a) providing a volume of first emulsion by mixing a volume of a first aqueous phase and a volume of a volatile water-immiscible solvent phase, said solvent phase comprising at least one amphipathic lipid and at least one neutral lipid;
  - b) mixing and emulsifying said first emulsion and a volume of a second aqueous phase in a mixer to provide a volume of a second emulsion, said second emulsion comprising a continuous aqueous phase; [and]
  - c) removing the volatile water-immiscible solvent from the second emulsion to form a volume of multivesicular liposomal particle composition[,]; and
  - d) filtering the multivesicular liposomal particle composition by cross-flow filtration, wherein all steps are carried out under aseptic condition, and wherein all solutions are sterile filtered, and wherein the multivesicular liposomal particle composition is immediately suitable for administration into humans.

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